



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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Reply To

Attn Of: OW-137

Perry Aragon

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Issaquah, WA 98029

Re: No Further Action for Petroleum Release at former Wapato Shell Station  
631 West First Street, Wapato, Washington  
EPA Facility ID#4-260116, Yakama Nation Reservation

Dear Mr. Aragon :

Thank you for submitting the results of your assessment for United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) review.

EPA's Ground Water Protection Unit has reviewed the following documents regarding the site.

1. March 2000 Site Characterization and Independent Cleanup Action Report by Technico
2. August 1996 Report on Land-farmed Soil by Technico.
3. May 2001 Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment, by Shannon and Wilson
4. August 2001 Addendum #1 to Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment by Shannon and Wilson.
5. Sept.18, 2001 Letter explaining Waste Oil tank by Shannon and Wilson
6. Sept, 2001 Preliminary site construction plan by Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic

Based upon the above listed information, EPA has determined that, at this time, the release of petroleum products into the soil and ground water at the site no longer poses a threat to human health or the environment. The former Wapato Shell facility located at 631 West First Street, Wapato, WA removed its

underground storage tanks and contamination in 1995 and initial sampling indicated no further contamination in soil. Ground water monitoring was not completed. Subsequent groundwater monitoring demonstrated no detectable contamination. Additionally, initial concerns over lead in groundwater have been resolved and the questions concerning the actual location and potential release from the small waste oil tank have been addressed. The Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic plans to purchase the property and expanding its existing facility. The preliminary site plan provided by the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic indicates that construction will result in nearly the entire site being covered by building or parking lot. During our previous work at this site, EPA worked closely with Ms. Janine Jennings of the Yakama Nation and most recently with Mr. Moses Squeochs.

Therefore, EPA is issuing this determination that no further action is necessary at this site under Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 280, Subparts E and F.

This determination is made only with respect to the release of petroleum identified in the reports listed above. This no further action determination applies only to the areas of the property at 631 West First Street affected by the release identified in the reports. It does not apply to any other release or potential release at the property, nor any other areas of the property.

EPA does not assume any liability for any release, or for any actions taken or omitted by any person or his or her agents or employees with regard to the release, threatened release, or other conditions at the site. However, in the event additional information becomes available indicating the site may pose a hazard to human health or the environment, EPA may require additional assessment and remediation activity.

Please contact me at (206) 553-0702 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Mike Shepherd  
Ground Water Protection Unit

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